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During Black History Month, Roxbury Community College celebrated the contributions and achievements of African Americans

❖ *Events Sponsored by Student Organizations*

- The **Student Government Association** and the **Creative Writing and Poetry Club** started the month-long celebration on February 5 with *Jazz and Poetry: Roots and Its Fruit*, a poetry and jazz program featuring readings by members of the **Creative Writing and Poetry Club** and jazz by WEJAZZUP.
- The **Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society** joined with the **Galileo S.T.E.M. Club** to sponsor a talk on February 7 by Raoul Joseph, a retired Massachusetts Water Resources Authority employee. Mr. Joseph's topic was *The Application of Chemistry in Environmental Sciences*.
- The **Office of Student Life and Engagement** and the **Student Government Association** warmed things up on February 12 when they hosted *RUMBAFRICA*, a five-member group that presented a program of music and dance from the Congo.
- Love was the theme on February 14 when the **Student Government Association** and the **Creative Writing and Poetry Club** returned with WEJAZZUP for a special *Black History Month/Valentine's Day Spoken Word and Music Program*.
- The **Criminal Justice Club** invited The Honorable Judge Shannon Frison, a judicial nominee for the Massachusetts Superior Court, to speak to the College community on February 19. Judge Frison was joined by representatives of the Boston Police, Transit Police, and State Police who spoke about the Police Exam.
- **Sister to Sister** and **Mentoring for Success** sponsored Motivational Speaker, Author, and Empowerment Coach Nicole Roberts Jones on February 21 who spoke on the topic, *Define Your Own Way: Empowering Women of Color*. On the same day **Mentoring for Success** organized a round-table discussion focused on *The Current State of Black and Hispanic Men in America*.
- The **Student Government Association** hosted a *Black History Month Lunch* featuring guest speaker Mike Curry, President of the Boston Chapter of the NAACP. The event took place at 1:30 p.m. on February 26 in the student cafeteria.

❖ *Library Resources*

Books

- The RCC Library has recently received several new African American books. Below are sample titles of books in the library. These titles are among 2, 069 books on the African American experience available in the library.

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- *The African American People: A Global History*, by Molefi Kete Asanti
- *Racial Uplift and American Music, 1878-1943*, by Lawrence Schenbeck
- *Enjoy the Same Liberty: Black Americans and the Revolutionary Era*, by Edward Countryman

Videos

The library currently has 222 streaming videos on the African American experience. Among those videos are the ones listed below:

- *Moyers & Company: Rita Dove-Decoding the Language of Poetry*
- *Buffalo Soldiers: An American Legacy*
- *Blacking Up: Hip-Hops Remix of Race and Identity*

Database

- The library has an outstanding database on the African American experience. It is called *The African American Experience*, Academic Edition, published by ABC/CLIO.

African American Quilts

- Professor Michelle Howard-Harrell and her quilting sisters have a new selection of 20 African American quilts hanging in the RCC library. This is the 7th consecutive year that the group has displayed quilts. The current display will be up until March 15.

Timeline of African American History

- A sweeping 35-foot-long Timeline of African American History, featuring pictures and captions of the arrival of the first slave ship in 1619 up to the Obama Administration, is now hanging in the 2nd floor window of the library.